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1. SUMMARY - SCIATT WITH SELCUK AND DOYON OF NSF HAVE HELD SERIES OF MTGS WITH GOE OFFICIALS ON JWG PREPARATIONS. LOCATION GOE REPRESENTATION AND BASIC ARRANGEMENTS FIXED. US VIEWS ON SCHEDULE AND AGENDA (REFTEL) AGREE ESSENTIALLY WITH GOE THOUGHTS. GOE WELL ALONG IN PREPARING FOR MTG. END SUMMARY.

2. MTS. WERE HELD WITH MIN.HEALTH BADRAN, MIN.OF STATE NAIM ABU TALEB, JWGTRD CO CHAIRMAN HASSAN ISMAIL, MOH UNDERSECRETARY GOMAA AND GOE DELEGATION MEMBER DR.SALAH SHAHBANDAR. SCIATTAND DOYON ALSO MET WITH GOE INTERAGENCY JWG PREPARATORY GROUP (SIMILAR TO USG INTERAGENCY S&T BILATERAL GROUP). WE RECEIVED GOE DELEGATION LIST, PROPOSED MTG. SCHEDULE,(SEPTELS) AND PROPOSED AGENDA.

3. GOE HAS PROPOSED FOLLOWING AGENDA TOPIC AREAS:

I) S&T TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

A) DESIGN OF EGYPTIAN NATURAL (SIC)S&T INFO SYSTEM.

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B) TRAINING INFO SPECIALISTS
II) INSTRUMENTATION TECHNOLOGY
A) BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING.
B) LABORATORY INSTRUMENT MTG.
III) WATER MTG.
A) DESALINATION COSTING.
B) DRAINAGE STUDY/PROJECTS.

IV) ENVIRONMENT/ECOLOGY.

A) NILE AND LAKE NASSER WATER QUALITY

B) RED SEA MARINE ENVIRONMENT

C) BITTER LAKE ECOLOGY

D) WILDLIFE IN EGYPT. E) AIR POLLUTION IN ALEXANDRIA.

V) AGRICULTURE

A. DAIRY IMPROVEMENT

B. MARKETING VEGETABLES/FRUITS

D. POULTRY IMPROVEMENT

E. OTHER CROPS IN ADDITION TO CORN AND WHEAT

VI) BUILDING MATERIALS/TECHNOLOGY

A. RECOMMENDED BLDG. DESIGNS

B. SURVEY OF RAW MATERIALS FOR BLDGS.

C. BLDG INFORMATION

D. TRAINING IN FIELD OF BUILDING.

VII) ENERGY

A. RAS GHARIB OIL FIELD AUGMENTATION

B. EGYPTIAN PETROLEUM RESEARCH INSTITUTE AGREEMENT

C. COAL CONVERSION AND SOLAR ENERGY

D. WIND MILL USE IN NW EGYPT.

VIII) NEW AREAS FOR COOPERATION

A. CAIRO TRAFFIC STUDY

B. TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXPERIMENT

C. DEVELOPMENT OF STDS.INFO SERVICE

GOE IS PREPARING WORKINGPAPERS AND SUMMARIES - WE WILL FORWARD
WHEN REC'VD. DR. ISMAIL IS AGREEABLE TO GROUPING AGENDA TOPICS FOR
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PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION.

4. MOST OF AGENDA TOPICS REERESENT AREAS IN WHICH THERE AREON GOING
ACTIVITIES, EITHER THROUGH SFCP OR AID PROJECTS. IN OTHERS, PART-
ICULARLY ENERGY, THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT VISITS BY USG OFFICERS
DURING WHICH TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED. A FEW, E.G. MARKETING VEG/FRUITS,
MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE. SOME PERENNIAL TOPICS, E.G.DESALINATION, CAIRO
TRAFFIC, ALSO APPEAR. IN NEW AREAS ONLY TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPEARS
REALLY NEW. IN AGENDA AS WHOLE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT/ECOLOGY
AREAS HAVE INCREASED EMPHASIS.

5. COMMENT.

GOE IS PUTTING MORE EFFORT AND TIME INTO PREEARATION FOR THIS MTG.
THAN FOR ANY PREVIOUS ONE. IN PART THIS IS DUE TO MIN HEALTH
MAKING AVAILABLE SPACE AND ADMIN SUPPORT. TO HASSAN ISMAIL. HOWEVER
ANOTHER ELEMENT IS SKEPTICISM IN BUREACRACY HERE ABOUT SPECIFIC
BENEFITS OF JWG TO THEIR INTERESTS.

IN PAST EGYPTIAN DIFFICULTY IN MOVING FROM DISCUSSION TO PROJECT
HAVE BEEN RELATED IN PART TO PREPARATION WEAKNESSES, POOR COORDINATIO
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AND LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT US INTERESTS AND PROCEDURES. GOE IS MAKIN
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CLEAR EFFORT TO MINIMIZE THESE PROBLEMS THIS TIME.

6. DR. ISMAIL WITH SUPPORT OF MOH BADRAN IS MAKING REAL ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE GOE COORDINATION AND PLANNING. EGYPTIAN JWGTRD GROUP CONSIDERS DISCUSSION OF "POLICY", COORDINATION AND ADMINISTRATION TO BE IMPORTANT AREA FOR DISCUSSION. BECAUSE OF GENERAL INTEREST IN THIS AREA, AND PERHAPS DIFFERING OPINIONS, DISCUSSION IN A BROADER FORUM THAN SUGGESTED REFTEL WILL PROBABLY BE NEEDED; PERHAPS A PLENARY SESSION AFTER DISCUSSION BETWEEN CO-CHAIRMAN. EILTS

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